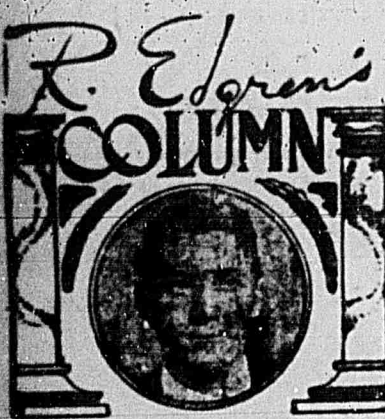


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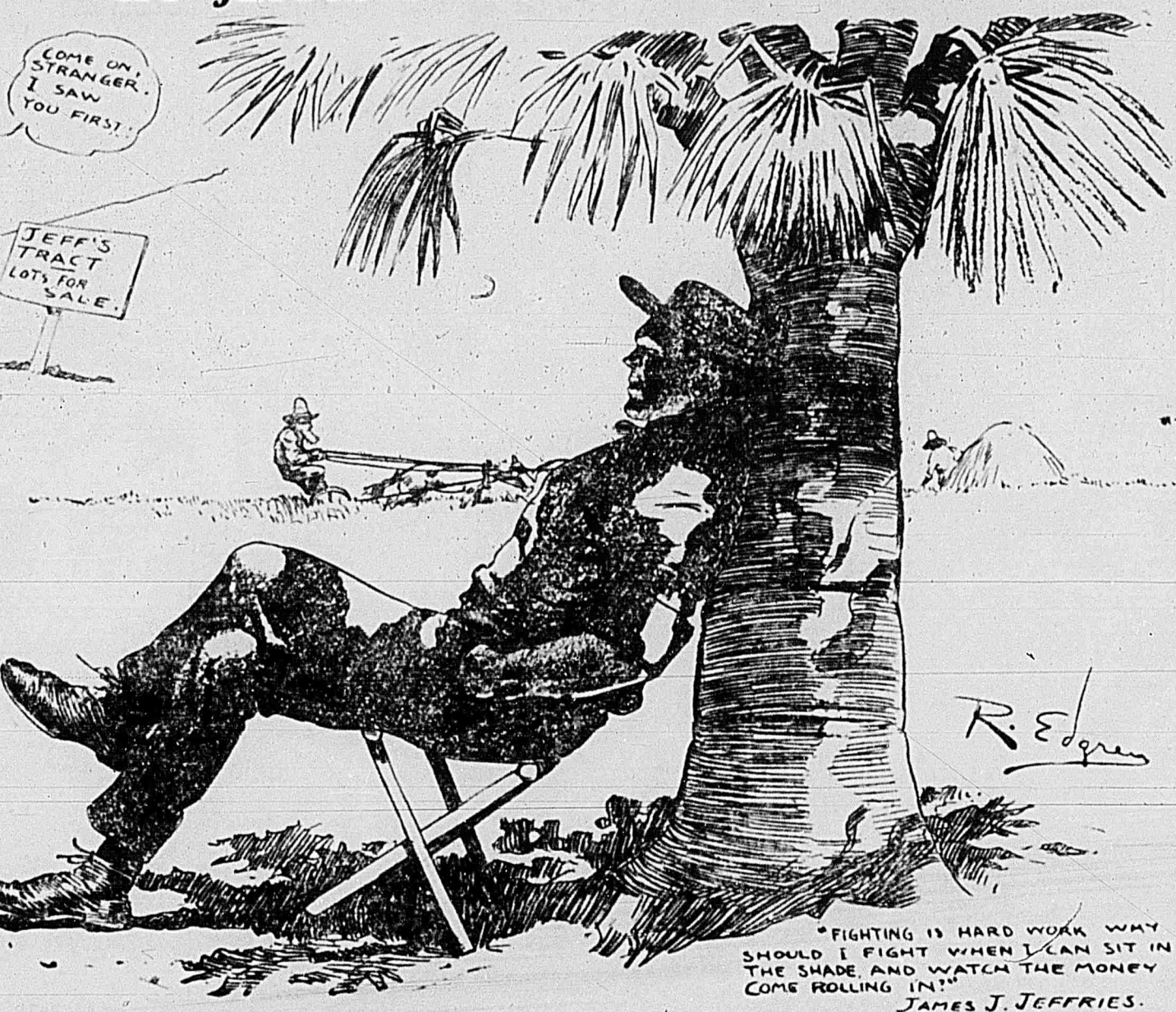
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DONOVAN LOSES  
TO J. ROBINSON  
IN TEN ROUNDS

Jack Robinson, the Windy City pugilist, defeated himself last night.

On Wednesday Robinson attacked up against Salor Burke, and in the fourth round the Salor dropped the curtain on him. Robinson claimed after the fight that he gave away too much weight to Burke and that when he tackled a man of his own weight he would show his class.

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## YOUTH DOWNS AGE IN STRUGGLE FOR HONORS ON DIAMOND

Old-Timers Are No Longer Wanted by Managers of Baseball Teams.

BY BOZEMAN BULGER.

Youth and Age have drawn swords since America was a colony, and Youth has always won.

The most pitiable sight in baseball to-day is the way in which age creeps stealthily upon the diamond hero, unaware, until he is engulfed and gone.

The ball player never believes he is growing old. The suggestion is always treated with resentment. New ball

players ever pass the forty-year mark, and still they keep up the hopeless fight.

The aged player is no longer wanted. When he has served twelve years he begins to decline, and while he may linger for a few years longer, the speed and snap of play gradually leaves him, and the blue envelope comes before him while he still thinks himself in the bloom of youth.

This season has swept more old-timers from the field than any similar period in the history of the game. Among those who have succumbed to the "blue envelope" are Corcoran, Merce, Beckley, Hahn, Kelley, Gilmer, Alex Smith and Bill Clark. Jim McGuire, the grand old man of the game, escaped by mounting to the position of manager. As a player the clutch of age was already fastening itself upon him.

Tommy Corcoran was one of the most popular players, personality, that ever wore spikes in a major league. Seeing that he was gone to Cincinnati the Giants took him as a last resort. It was hoped that a change would bring his old qualities back, but the result was a disappointment.

During the early months of the season he played with the life and daring of a boy eighteen. McGraw was congratulated all over the country for his excellent judgment in securing a treasure. But it was a sporadic burst of speed which died out with the excitement.

The Giants are not the only National League Club that will go to California next spring to get into playing